MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state whether it is not the abkari policy to increase the tax on arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes. It is the policy of the Government to make it more costly. But there must be a limit for it. If we go beyond that limit, there may be malpractices.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the member know that the tax on arrack is higher here than in the Madras Presidency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I do not know.

Trees tapped and the income derived therefrom during 1104 to 1108.

66. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of trees tapped and the amounts of tree-tax and toddy rentals realised during the years from 1104 to 1108?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information for the years 1104-1107 is laid on the table.

It is now too early to give the figures for 1108.

Year	Number of trees tapped.			Tree-tax.	Toddy rentals.
	Cocoanut	Palmy	Choondapana		
				Rs. Ch. C.	Rs. Ch. C.
1104	98,844	14,152	21,392	5,31,613 10 4	14,78,605 3 0
1105	93,290	14,169	21,027	5,04,690 0 7	14,65,964 15 9
1106	61,644	13,729	11,514	3,39,242 7 6	11,37,742 20 0
1107	56,307	13,326	11,144	3,39,995 15 12	9,95,205 19 13

Rate of tree tax in Travancore and Cochin.

67. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the rate of tree-tax in Travancore and that in Cochin?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

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